

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB0358

**Title:** Access to traffic accident records  
to compile data

**Primary  
Sponsor:** Bob Depratu

**Status:** As Introduced

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Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY2002 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY2003 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	31,391	27,891
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	31,391	27,891
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>(\$0)</b>	<b>(\$0)</b>

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<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>		<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

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## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Montana Highway Patrol (MHP) of the Department of Justice assumes that the bill does not provide for electronic access to the records by the public. It is assumed that the public will have to follow current procedures in requesting copies of crash reports.

2. The MHP received approximately 6,500 requests for copies of records last year. Under this bill, the number of requests will double to over 13,000.
3. The MHP currently charges \$2.00 per copy for crash records. This revenue is deposited in the state general fund. Fees would need to be raised approximately 28 cents per copy to recover the entire cost of the bill in the 2003 biennium.
4. To meet the requirements of this bill 1.00 FTE grade 10 will be required to “sanitize” the records by removing anything that identifies an individual on the report (name, address, phone, etc.), and actually processing the additional requests. Costs would be \$25,391 in salary and benefits; \$3,500 for new employee package (desk, chair, computer, file cabinet); and \$2,500 for operating expenses (phone, rent, supplies, etc.) for a total of \$31,391 the first year, and \$25,391 salary and benefits and \$2,500 for operating expenses for a total of \$27,891 the second year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
FTE	1.00	1.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Personal Services	25,391	25,391
Operating Expenses	<u>6,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$31,391	\$27,891
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$31,391	\$27,891
<u>Revenues:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$31,391	\$27,891
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$0)	(\$0)